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Dear Fellow Liberal,

It is unfortunate that in a Presidential campaign year the importance of the races for lesser office seem to be dwarfed by comparison. However, the race for the Seventeenth Congressional District is of monumental importance to every Liberal residing in the District.

It is necessary for informed voters to put labels aside and to scrutinize the candidates and issues. John M. Murphy is the Democratic candidate in the newly realigned 17th District. His very candidacy is an affront to all liberal thinking Americans. Let us put rhetoric aside and examine this incumbent's record.

Mr. Murphy's voting record regarding the draft, defense spending and the war in Southeast Asia should offend all voters. For example, in December, 1971 Murphy voted for a bill to authorize an additional \$550,000,000 in foreign aid most of it to "beef up the military forces of South Korea and Cambodia." On April 1, 1971, he voted against an amendment that would have prohibited involuntary assignment to Southeast Asia after December 31, 1971. Murphy also voted to table the Mansfield amendment.

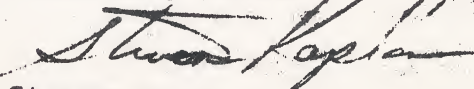
Murphy's domestic record is equally dismal. In May 1970, he voted against a bill to provide adjustment of social security benefits to coincide with increases in the cost of living. In April 1971, Murphy voted against a bill that would have appropriated two billion dollars for construction of public works in underemployment areas.

I will not bore you with Murphy's disgraceful absentee record. I will instead describe some of the legislation that was discussed in the House of Representatives while Murphy was elsewhere. Murphy has been absent for most votes dealing with child day care centers. He also did not vote on the School Lunch Act which was to assure that every needy child has a free or reduced priced lunch. He did not vote on a bill to provide a special milk program for children. Murphy also did not think that it was necessary to vote on the bill that sought to prevent profit making polluters from receiving subsidies.

Space does not permit me to even summarize the numerous major votes that were taken while Murphy's whereabouts were unknown. However, Murphy did manage to submit a private bill on behalf of Felippo Mandala, an Italian specialty cook in Brooklyn, who is cited in the Immigration and Naturalization Service report. Mr. Mandala faced deportation on unspecified charges and was allowed to leave the country voluntarily.

Is Mr. Murphy the man that you want to represent you and the 17th Congressional District? I think not. Therefore, I urge you not to vote for John M. Murphy on November 7, 1972.

Cordially yours,



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